



Parish Invocation: Father I love you, Jesus I thank you, Holy Spirit help us

St John's Catholic Parish

Brunswick Valley

"I am here among you as one who serves." Luke 22:27

Today's Gospel:

Lk 3:1-6.

"All people shall see the salvation of God."

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation of God.

Gospel Reflection:

This week and next, our Gospel readings invite us to consider John the Baptist and his relationship to Jesus. John the Baptist appears in the tradition of the great prophets, preaching repentance and reform to the people of Israel. To affirm this, Luke quotes at length from the prophet Isaiah. John baptizes for repentance and for forgiveness of sins, preparing the way for God's salvation.

The three Synoptic Gospels—Mark, Matthew, and Luke—attest to the importance of the baptism of John in preparing for Jesus. Only the Gospel of Luke, however, extends the connection between these two men to their birth. The first two chapters of Luke's Gospel contain the Infancy Narrative, which tells about the births of John the Baptist and Jesus. These stories set the stage for the beginning of Jesus' public ministry in chapter 3.
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You are part of a building that has the apostles and prophets for its foundations, and Christ Jesus himself for its main cornerstone. ... And you too, in him, are being built into a house where God lives, in the Spirit. (Ephesians)

Sunday 8th December 2024
New Liturgical year begins:
Sunday Cycle C, Weekday Cycle 1
Second Sunday of Advent.

Liturgy this week

Baruch 5:1-9,

Ps 125:R,

Phil 1:4-6, 8-11,

Lk 3:1-6.

Psalm Response

The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

Next week's readings:

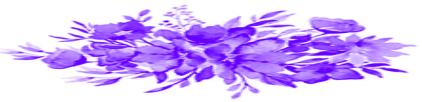
Zeph: 3:14-19,

Is 12:2-6,

Phil 4:4-7,

Lk 3:10-18.

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WEEKEND LITURGY

O.L.O.L. Brunswick Heads

Mass

Sat. 14th Dec. 5:00pm

St. John's Mullumbimby

Mass

Sun. 15th Dec. 8:00am

WEEKDAY LITURGY

Brunswick Heads

Wednesday Adoration

6:00pm-7:00pm

Thursday (Except the 3rd Thursday each month)

Adoration and Rosary 3:30pm

Lit. Word + H.C 4:00pm

Mullumbimby

Friday Adoration

8:30am-10:00am

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Brunswick Valley**

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OUR CHURCHES:
*St John's Church - Mullumbimby.
*Our Lady of Lourdes - Brunswick Heads.

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The evangelist Luke is the author of the Gospel that bears his name, and he also wrote the Acts of the Apostles as a continuation of the story of Jesus and the Church.

In these two works, Luke's sense of time and history emerges.

He identifies three epochs of salvation history: the time before Christ, the time of Christ, and the time of the Church and the Holy Spirit.

In today's Gospel reading, as elsewhere, John the Baptist is presented as the figure who bridges the time before Christ and prepares the way for Christ's own ministry.

In today's Gospel we also note Luke's attention to political and historical detail. Luke shows that salvation is for all people and situated in world events. Therefore, Luke lists the political and religious leaders at the time of John's appearance in the desert.

Salvation is understood as God's breaking into this political and social history. John's preaching of the coming of the Lord is a key theme of the Advent season. As John's message prepared the way for Jesus, we too are called to prepare ourselves for Jesus' coming.

We respond to John's message by repentance and reform of our lives.



We are also called to be prophets of Christ, who announce by our lives the coming of the Lord, as John did.

Church Rosters: 07/08 Dec 2024

Church	Readers	Minister of Communion
OLOL	Frances G	Carolyn S
StJohn's	Marie&Jenny	Joe B




Morning Tea
@
St John's Church
Mullumbimby
1st
Sunday of
every month
after Mass.


Christmas
Liturgy
times will
be coming
soon.




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Second Sunday of Advent

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father,
Open the eyes and ears of our hearts to recognise your presence and voice in our daily lives as we journey this season of Advent together.

In this time of sharing may we see each other with eyes of compassion and listen to one another with ears of understanding.

Help us to live according to our identity as beloved children of God.
Amen.



Rosary Team Meeting

The Rosary Team monthly prayer meeting will be held at the home of **Dorothy Baker:**
21 Yallakool Drive,
Ocean Shores,
on **Saturday 14 December**
at **9:30am.**

This month's reflection is
John 1:1-14.

"And He made his dwelling among us".

Anyone is welcome to join us.
Enquiries phone
Dorothy 0406 969 645.

Let Us Pray



Recently deceased:

Fae Charlie,
Mary McCarten,
Denise Robinson, Sr. Michelle
(Ann) Condon RSJ.

Anniversaries:

Dot Cornale, May Walker, Joseph & Keith Walker, Searl Browning,
Athol Sawtell, Antonio Pinna,
Cora & Ned Cook, Anne Carolan,
Sheila & Bruce Pentland.

Time of need:

Paul Murphy, Martin Taylor, Jan Mangleson, Anne Carolan.

Deceased priests of the Diocese December:

Frs: Jeremiah Joseph Dineen,
Patrick Kerwick, John Conway,
Thomas Farrlley, Michael Quinn
and Lyal Cowell.



Coffee Gathering!

Our next gathering is
Wednesday 11th December at
10.30am at the Ex Services Club
Mullumbimby.

Everyone is most welcome at our parish coffee morning on Wednesday next at 10.30.

Following morning tea you may like to stay on for lunch at the club to celebrate

Christmas and give thanks for another great year.

Lunch is at an individual's expense. See you there and friends are welcome.



World Day of Prayer 2025

"Cook Islands"

Theme "I Made You Wonderful"
Psalm 139:14

Please refer to the parish notice boards, or website for full information.

Saints and Feasts December:

10th: Our Lady of Loreto
11th: St Damasus I, Pope
12th: Our Lady of Guadalupe
13th: St Lucy
14th: St John of the Cross



Saint Vincent De Paul Annual

Christmas appeal:
Sunday December 8th

at St John's Church,
Mullumbimby.
Vinnies Christmas appeal on
Saturday December 7th at
Our Lady of Lourdes,
Brunswick Heads.
Cannot wait to see you all!



A full Family Advent Guide is ready to **download from our Parish Website.**
Something lovely for the entire family.



For the full update on our Renewal journey for Pastoral Projects, please go onto our **Parish Website into News and Announcements.**

2024 Renewal Update: Pastoral Projects
Leader Dr Madeline Beveridge

SAVE THE DATE

December:

11th: Coffee Gathering 10:30am
Mullum Ex-Services Club.



St Ambrose



St Augustine



St Benedict

WEEKLY:

Christian Meditation—

Tue 9.30am;
Our Lady of Lourdes,
Brunswick Heads.

MONTHLY:

Sunday Morning Tea:

1st Sunday;
St John's Church, after Liturgy

Coffee Gathering:

2nd Wednesday.

Rosary Team Meeting:

2nd Saturday.



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ST JOHN'S SCHOOL



Whole School End of Year Mass

9:30am 13th of December,
Fr David Gilbey Presiding.
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*Blessings for the week ahead,
Dave Bermingham; Principal of St John's*



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Weekend Mass times are normal then:

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES:

Our Lady of Lourdes – Brunswick Heads: 5:30pm

(Carols begin at 5:00pm)

St John's – Mullumbimby: 7:00pm

CHRISTMAS DAY MASS:

St John's – Mullumbimby: 8:00am

HOLY SPIRIT PARISHES:

Weekend Mass times are normal then:

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:

CHRISTMAS EVE MASS:

St Kevin's – Bangalow 5:30pm - LITURGY

St John's – Byron Bay: 8:00pm - MASS

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:

St John's – Byron Bay: 7:30am - MASS

St Kevin's – Bangalow 9:30am - MASS

